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15 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Senator Stuart Symington  
Re Agency Budget

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1. According to the Director's office, in a telephone conversation with the Director on 14 April Senator Symington said that he had "asked for some figures" from [redacted] and Maury, but Maury said they were sensitive. (This refers to the Senator's request for figures on the Agency budget--see my memo of 28 March 1969.) The Senator indicated that we had not provided an answer to his question and he had taken the matter up with Senator Russell who said he was, of course, entitled to have this information. The Senator added he was in no hurry for these figures but was concerned about correcting the "astounding" figure mentioned in a recent television program. The Director explained to the Senator that our only concern was not to get into trouble with Senator Russell, who had always insisted that our budget figure be closely held.

2. The Director instructed us to make Mr. Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, aware of the foregoing.

3. In the same conversation the Senator spoke of a subcommittee of Senate Foreign Relations Committee under his chairmanship which was looking into U.S. overseas bases. The Senator mentioned Walter Pincus as an investigator on the staff of this subcommittee would be making a field trip shortly and would like to be briefed by our station chiefs. The Senator said that Mr. Pat Holt, of the Foreign Relations Committee staff, was handling the details and would be in touch with us in this connection.

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